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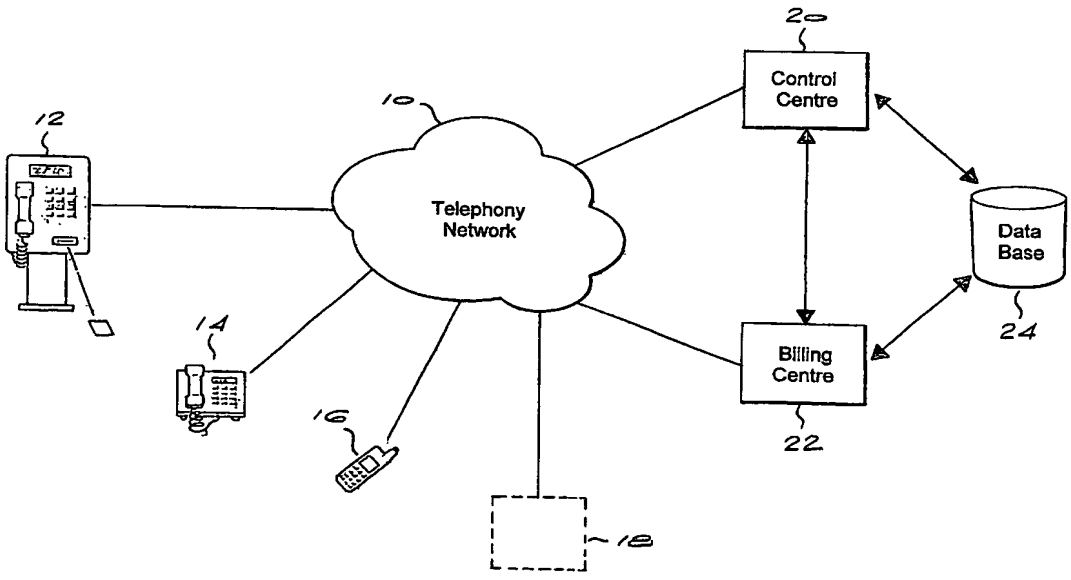

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a communication system comprising a network infrastructure and a plurality of telephone terminals. The telephone terminals can be conventional telephones. The network infrastructure includes a control center with an associated database, which stores data corresponding to telephone numbers allocated to subscribers. The database also stores respective subscriber identity codes. A user of the system can use any conventional telephone to access the system and enters a predetermined access code, their telephone number and their identity code. If the entered information is validated, the network maps the subscriber's telephone number to the telephone in use, which is effectively converted temporarily to the subscriber's own personal telephone.

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